

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, January 10.

The Senate this afternoon will consider the question to what extent officers of the volunteers may be eligible to appointments in the enlarged army. As the bill stands and was drafted in the adjutant general's office it reserves all officers' commissions down to the grade of second lieutenant to men of the regular army. Senator Proctor, on behalf of the military committee, has offered an amendment to allow officers of the volunteers to enter the new army as first and second lieutenants. This amendment is the pending question today and upon the action of the Senate regarding it depends the fate of the army bill. There is strong resentment among Senators who have friends in the volunteer regiments against this effort, as they term it, to freeze out these officers or reduce them in rank thus sweeping them. They hold that the generals, colonels, captains, etc., of the volunteers who have rendered good service in the Philippines or in the war with Spain and have thus become veterans, should be eligible for transfer at their present rank into the new army. They demand greater concession to this sentiment than is contained in the present amendment and all sorts of threats are being made to secure it. These Senators blame the bureau chiefs of the War Department, and especially Adjutant General Corbin, for this discrimination against the volunteers. One Senator threatens to get even by inserting an amendment to reduce the rank of the Adjutant General to a Brigadier General, thus depriving Corbin of his new major general's stars. He thinks in this way the War Department can be brought to terms.

The proposition to more fully establish the gold standard as the money of the nation was taken up this morning by the House committee on coinage, weights and measures. Secretary Gage, Horace White, editor of the New York Evening Post, and Mr. Roberts, director of the mint, appeared before the committee and spoke in advocacy of the two bills now before the committee, both having for their purpose the discontinuance of the coinage of silver except for subsidiary coins. One of the bills was introduced by Representative Hill, of Connecticut, and the other by Representative Levy, of New York. Mr. White was heard by the committee. He advocated that a large amount of silver bullion held by the Treasury should be sold. He was not allowed to proceed far in his statement before he was taken in hand by the silver members of the committee, who piled him with questions, bringing in the political arguments on the money questions. Secretary Gage took the committee strongly to task upon taking the stand. He asked why the government should try to dodge the issue of fixing by law the parity between silver and gold. "If you do not fix the parity yourselves how can you complain if the so-called money sharks make discriminations?" he asked. Mr. Cochran—"Mr. Secretary, why would you then continue the silver dollar in circulation at all?" Mr. Gage—"Because we have them. We have the 'jag' on and must carry it."

Mr. Cochran asked Mr. Gage with long questions, to which the secretary made his answers somewhat short and curt. During the questioning of the secretary Representative Levy said that he would make a statement for the first time made public. "Mr. Bryan told me to make the election," he continued, "that if he was elected President he would find a way to pay out silver under the present law."

Minister Wu is not inclined to believe the statements in the press that the Emperor has refused to allow Ching and Li to sign the protocol. Not a single person of the several thousand invited to last night's postponed reception at the White House put in an appearance. The President's secretary said today: "It illustrates the widespread effect of the newspaper," he said. "Not a single person received word from the executive mansion that the reception had been called off, the notice of the postponement on account of the President's illness being given to the press alone. A great many of the guests invited were out of town people, too, which makes it all the more remarkable that a few did not come." It is understood that the diplomatic reception will be held next Monday night if the President's health will permit.

The House committee on naval affairs has virtually agreed to increase the navy by the construction of two battleships and two cruisers. Personal friends of Senator Daniel, now here, say he is by no means anxious to be a member of the coming constitutional convention of his State, and will only consent to be at the request of the people of his State.

In the Senate today a long petition from reputable and intelligent people of the Philippine Islands was read, portraying their unfortunate condition, and requesting that they be allowed free government, such as they suppose they would have upon the conclusion of the Spanish war.

Solicitor General Richards this morning continued the argument in the cases before the Supreme Court of the United States. He first elaborated his reply to the question of Justice White as to whether the United States and once between the United States and Territories of the United States, as used by Chief Justice Marshall, and "the States and Territory of the United States," as expressed in the constitution. He said that what Justice Marshall had evidently meant in his opinion was the States of the Union, the District of Columbia and all organized territory over which Congress had applied the revenue laws of the United States. It is held by counsel for the plaintiffs that true acceptance of the term "United States," is that it means a State in the great family of nations; that as such a State it has the same powers as any other State, and does not have to go to the constitution to get the power to govern acquired territory.

The government made a contradiction between the states of union and the territories and quoted from the Act of March 1807 the words, "I shall be unlawful for any person to bring any slaves into the United States or territories thereof," to substantiate the claim that there might be a difference between organized territories, but that they were invariably outside the Union and United States. He quoted also from Chief Justice Waite the words "the outlying dominion of the United States," as referring to the territories, and further "Congress may do for the territories what the people of the United States may do for the States." These words he contended defined the status of the territories on any territory absolutely.

Anna F. Bryan, formerly of Cincinnati, a \$1,400 clerk in the Postoffice De-

partment, and who was arrested last night charged with petty larceny in having passed an alleged forged order for \$17 on the Senate stationery clerk, is out in \$200 bonds to appear in police court Saturday. Miss Bryan states that several days ago while at the Capitol she met a young man, who remarking that he was Senator Hanna's private secretary, asked her if she would not like to have some fancy paper from the Senate stationery room. She accepted the offer and received from him an order upon which she obtained \$17 worth of goods. Later the clerk of the stationery room on presenting the order to Mr. Hanna's secretary, Mr. Dover, was informed that it was a forgery. Miss Bryan's arrest followed. Police Inspector Boardman says he believes the young woman's story and that she was imposed upon by some one passing himself off as Mr. Hanna's secretary. The case will probably be dropped on Miss Bryan reimbursing the stationery clerk for the amount involved.

The only official business transacted by the President since his illness began was the signing of papers today commuting to life imprisonment the sentence of Oba. L. McGuire who was to have been hanged tomorrow at noon for the murder of Robert Turner on December 29, 1899. The two were motormen and both were attentive to Bertha Crown, their landlady's 15-year-old stepdaughter. McGuire believed Turner to be responsible for the breaking off of her engagement with him.

David Gorham Adee, brother of Second Assistant Secretary of State Adee, died this morning at the latter's residence on Fifteenth street. Deceased was a poet and author of some note. Among his novels was one entitled "No 19 State St.," which attracted considerable attention.

Mrs. Condit-Smith denies the reported engagement of her daughter to a marine officer whose acquaintance the young lady is said to have made during the siege of Pekin while she was a guest in the household of Minister Conger.

Funeral services were held this afternoon over the remains of Lewis Alexander, a negro employed in former years as coachman by President Jefferson Davis. For the last two decades he was a messenger in the Loans and Currency Division of the Treasury Department. He came from St. Louis in his younger days.

The impression at the Capitol today in respect of the trial now in progress in the U. S. supreme court, induced by the arguments and the questions propounded by the members of the court, is that it will go against the government, and in favor of the proposition that the Constitution goes with the flag.

An old reader of the Gazette here today, says he is glad to see that he has not forgotten the history of General Bryan, who it is pointed out to retire with the rank and pay of brigadier-general, but added, the facts in that history as stated in it yesterday, would, he supposed, induce many Southern congressmen to support the proposition referred to from their predecessors with whom he was familiar.

The fact that General Miles, commander-in-chief of the army, was on the floor of the Senate yesterday, lobbying for the army bill, is commented upon here as adversely as many of his other actions have been.

There was a general break in all stocks this morning, according to the quotations at the brokers' offices here today.

Congressman Jones of Virginia has been selected by the people in the life-saving service to press the bill for punishing the men in that service and in doing all he can to effect that object. He is also working hard in the interest of the Fredericksburg battle field park.

The mortality among members of the 56th Congress, since the last session, has been larger than that of any preceding Congress. The death of Mr. Clark, makes the fourteenth.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The navy will shortly be in need of 800 officers of the line.

Bishop Potter opened the crusade against municipal evils in Philadelphia. Revolutionary Colombians, aided by Venezuelans, have been defeated in a bloody battle in Colombia.

Austria is opposed to Secretary Hay's plan of shifting negotiations from Pekin and expects to be joined by other powers.

Frank G. Clarke, Representative from the Second New Hampshire district, died at his home in Peterboro last night aged fifty years.

John P. Hopkins, a former mayor of Chicago and a gold democrat, was elected chairman of the Illinois democratic State central committee.

General Valdersee reported that the fortress of Ho Pu, which the allies had stormed, was the headquarters of the newly organized bands of Boxers.

A number of conferences were held among republican senators yesterday, as the result of which the friends of the shipping bill announced Tuesday night that the bill will be continued on the legislative programme until it is voted upon.

Fire early yesterday morning destroyed two dwelling houses on the Shifflet farm, near Keedysville, Md., and Miss Betsy Shifflet, an aged lady who lived alone in one of the houses, was burned to death while trying to save about \$500 in gold and silver which she had buried in the cellar.

The Military Committee, having charge of the army bill, sustained a stinging defeat in the Senate yesterday. Its provision for an army canteen, where only beer was to be sold to the soldiers, was defeated by a vote of 35 to 17. The House has already expressed its opposition to the canteen, in spite of the earnest advocacy of the system by the War Department.

The New York Mail and Express says: Wm. K. Vanderbilt's plan for the wedding together of the Union Pacific and Chicago and Northwestern Railroads, which he conceived more than a year ago, is now to be carried out. When it is completed it will be found that the Vanderbilts have a through transcontinental line of their own from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean.

KISS IN PLAY, CAUSED DEATH.—A week ago Ella Boone, of Prescott, Wash., playing in a game of blindfolded, said laughingly to Frank Sloan that she had never been kissed, whereupon he promptly kissed her. She resented his action and stabbed him in the leg with a hat pin. The pin was broken off in the flesh and blood poisoning resulted. An X-ray machine failed to locate any sign of the remaining portion of the pin, and Sloan grew worse and died.

A REMARKABLE DECISION.—A New Jersey judge has decided that the contract made by a railroad when it sells a ticket good for transportation on one of its trains is not legal if the ticket is sold and used on Sunday. Sunday contracts, he says, are null and void, and a railroad ticket comes under the head of contracts. A handmaiden had sued a railroad for damages because of its failure to transport her on a Sunday train. The case in time to take part in a Sunday concert, after having accepted his money for tickets. The court decided in favor of the railroad.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mr. R. G. Leary was on Tuesday re-elected clerk of the Court of Appeals at Wytheville, and appeared before the bar and qualified.

Mrs. Louisa Templeman, relict of the late J. B. Templeman, is dead at her home, near Tackett's Mills, Stafford county, aged seventy-one years.

Miss Sophia A. Hoopes, in Caroline, died at the residence of her uncle, Mr. Eugene Bowles, near Moss Neck, Tuesday, of pneumonia, aged 69 years.

Marshall & Thompson, of Warrenton received this week from Kentucky the thoroughbred Tournaunt and King Arthur II, two of the greatest horses ever brought to Virginia.

Judge Duke, of the Corporation Court of Charlottesville, has appointed John L. Walters, a member of the city council, as city treasurer, vice W. T. Jones, deceased, for the unexpired term.

The commissioners of the sinking fund of the State of Virginia have advertised for offers for the sale of \$100,000 worth of bonds of the State of Virginia, either the bonds known as "Ridgely" bonds or those known as "Century" bonds.

Mr. John James Young, the oldest citizen of Fredericksburg, and formerly a prominent dry goods merchant, for many years collector of city taxes and at the time of his death a member of the insurance firm of A. B. Botts & Co., died at his home there at an early hour yesterday morning, aged 87 years. He was a prominent Mason.

A telegram from Richmond says concerning the proposed constitutional convention, that Senator Daniel is certain to be a member of it. He may consider that this body will prove a perfect charnel house to the ambitious. He believes, however, that it is the duty of the leading men of Virginia to yield to the demands of the people to represent them in this important body. The Senator's views will, it is believed, be impressed upon many leaders.

Meers, Davis & Davis, Washington patent attorneys, report the grant this week of the following U. S. patents to residents of this State: 665,431, dumping car, James L. Ham, Huddleston; 665,598, steam pump, Walton E. Eby, Roanoke, assignor of one-half to Malcolm W. Bryan, same place; 665,524, reversing-gearing, Peter B. Belcher, Haymarket. The following trade marks were issued: 35,735, chewing and smoking tobacco, the United States Tobacco Company, Richmond; 35,726, snuff, independent Snuff Mills, Fredericksburg; 35,734, preparations for dairy products, Virginia Cattle Food Company, Danville.

A FATAL DRUG.

Robert Bryan, alias "Sailor Bob," alias "Jack Harris," wanted in Philadelphia for complicity in the murder there on Friday night last, of Rev. Father Reigel, a prominent priest of the Roman Catholic Church, was arrested in New York last night. Bryan was arrested at 11 o'clock, and when taken before Capt. Tilden, of the detective bureau, made a confession, in which he told the story of the murder of the priest. The story told by Capt. Tilden concerning the confession made by Bryan is that on Friday night last there went to Bryan's place a man, whose name Bryan gives, but which is withheld by Capt. Tilden, accompanied by three companions and a priest, Rev. Father Reigel. The latter was very much intoxicated. A woman, named Anna Miller, was present at the time the men entered, it is said, but was sent from the room. The men gave frequent orders for beer, for which the priest always insisted on paying. Each time he paid he displayed a large roll of bills. He was so intoxicated that he dropped bills on the floor. The men struck his hands and made him drop more. Bryan admits getting \$19 in that manner, and asserts that others got more. This continued for some time, when one of the men excused himself and left the room. Presently he returned. He carried a small vial, which Bryan says was filled with a dark liquid. Bryan declared this liquid was 20 cents' worth of laudanum and chloral, which he had purchased on a prescription at a near-by drug store. Two glasses were poured out, one of which was drunk. Bryan says that after the priest had taken the beer the man who he admitted that he was going to rob the priest. Bryan then said that he told a third party that he would not allow that in his place, and made the man take the priest out of the room. Bryan says that after they had found a silver snuff box on the floor, and this he threw into the street. He says he knew nothing further about the affair until Saturday morning, when he awoke. Then the Miller woman told him the story of a house next door. Bryan said that he looked for the man who drugged the beer, and when he came into his saloon that night he saw him of killing the priest. The man denied it. Another party told him the name of the man who took the drug store. The man then left Bryan's place and has not been seen since. Bryan said that he became frightened and left Philadelphia. The police have the names of the other parties connected with the killing of the priest, and they will be arrested as soon as possible. Bryan has for some time been keeping an unlicensed saloon in Philadelphia.

A TRAGEDY.—Near Brittons Mills, two miles from Wakefield, Thomas Brown, colored, shot and killed Thomas Short, also colored, while lying in his bed. Short had been gone from his home about seven years, returning yesterday. Brown had been living in the house with Short's wife for two years. Tuesday night, after Short had retired, he got up again, and securing his pocketbook from his trousers, which is said to have contained about two hundred dollars, placed it under his pillow. Yesterday morning Brown arose and took up the gun, and remarked to the Short woman: "Short and I are going to die together this morning." He at a few inches' range blew the entire top of Short's head off, scattering his brains in every direction. Brown then proceeded to reload the gun for the purpose of killing the woman. She sprang upon him, and, seizing the gun, prevented Brown accomplishing his purpose, although he beat her over the head and body with the gun, until she and her 9-year-old boy could make their escape to a neighbor and give the alarm. Brown in the meantime raised the dead man and secured the money placed under his pillow Tuesday night. Brown also rifled the trunk, securing his own and Short's clothing, and made good his escape.

Pepsin preparations often fail to relieve indigestion because they can digest only albuminous foods. There is one preparation that digests all classes of food, and that is KODOL Dyspepsia Cure. It cures the worst cases of indigestion and gives instant relief, for it digests what you eat.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Foreign News.
Marseilles, Jan. 10.—A message from Faraman this morning says that communication with the stranded steamer Russia has been established and that provisions are being sent to the shipwrecked persons. The hope that a rescue will be effected is stronger. A later dispatch from Faraman says that three women and a boy have just been rescued from the wreck. They were in a famished condition. It is expected that all the persons on the Russia will be rescued.

Cowes, Jan. 10.—The Queen's health has improved somewhat in the last few days. She drove out into the country twice yesterday and today. Her Majesty feels the loss of Lady Caillault and other of her old attendants keenly and her mental depression acts unfavorably on her physical condition.

Smyrna, Jan. 10.—The Frenchman named Mille, who was captured recently by brigands, and held for \$25,000 ransom, has been released on payment of the sum demanded.

Berlin, Jan. 10.—The Empress Frederick who has been ill for a long time, is worse and has postponed her trip to the south.

Cadiz, Jan. 10.—Admiral Cervera's condition has grown worse and his recovery is almost hopeless.

Farmer's Tragic End.

New Brunswick, N. J., Jan. 10.—When Abraham Snydam, of Franklin Park, decided to commit suicide yesterday he planned a dramatic surprise for his relatives and succeeded in carrying it out in every detail. After eating a hearty supper he passed an apple, cored it, dusted it thick with a white powder from a packet taken from his vest pocket and ate it with every appearance of keen relish. Then he tilted his chair back and remarked: "I guess I'll die soon now. That was strychnine I put on that apple." The horrified family sent a messenger for a physician and endeavored to persuade him to take an antidote. Snydam refused to move from his chair, and seemed to enjoy the sensation he had created and the consternation his announcement had caused. He would not explain why he had taken the poison, but repeated his statement that he would die soon. He was alive when Dr. Tenenick arrived, but died soon after, in the convulsions characteristic of strychnine poison. A little of the powder remaining in the packet proved the poison to be strychnine, and Dr. Tenenick gave a death certificate, and no inquest was deemed necessary. Snydam was 72 years of age, a bachelor, and had been a farmer all his life. He was fairly well-to-do. He had lived for some years past at the home of his nephew, John Snydam. He had been ill with dropsy for some time, and his suicide is thought to have been due to despondency on this account.

The Situation in South Africa.
London, Jan. 10.—The Boers in the eastern Transvaal, who are supposed to be directed by Commander-in-Chief Botha in person, made an effort on Monday night to clear the British garrison from five posts on the Delagoa Railroad. The attacks were made simultaneously and severe fighting ensued. The losses on both sides were heavy and the engagement approached nearer to the dignity of a battle than any since the Boers inaugurated guerrilla warfare. Lord Kitchener reports that the Boers were finally driven off. The British loss was one officer killed, and three wounded; twenty men killed, and fifty-nine wounded. The Boers lost heavily, twenty-four killed being counted. A convoy of supplies going to the Gordons brigade, north of Krugersdorp, was attacked by Boers on Tuesday. The Boers were driven off leaving eleven dead. The British had four wounded.

Capetown, Jan. 10.—Preparations for the defense of Capetown are being pushed with activity. Rumors of the proximity of several Boer commands and of Boer plans for an attack on the city stimulate the military activity. Already reinforcements have been thrown up across the Cape flats from False Bay to Table Bay. Drilling among the local volunteer bodies goes on steadily.

New Hampshire's Senatorial Contest.

Concord, N. H., Jan. 10.—Before midnight tonight there will probably be settled the longest continued contest ever waged for a United States senatorship in New England. The republican caucus of the members of the Senate and House will assemble tonight in the Hall of Representatives at 8 o'clock and begin balloting. While a choice on the first ballot is not expected, it is thought that business of the gathering will be completed by 11 o'clock. There are five aspirants for the place, including William E. Chandler, who has had the job during two long terms and one short term. The others who are striving to secure the toga are Judge Burnham, Henry M. Baker, a former congressman; Col. Quimby, and Congressman Sulloway. Ex-Senator Blair is regarded only as a possible candidate in the event of a dead-lock.

Plot to Defraud.

Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 10.—Edward Jahr, a physician of Union Hill, N. J., and Thomas Kelly, a prizefighter, are under arrest here charged with complicity in a plot to defraud the Colony Life Insurance Co. of this city. It is said that other arrests will soon be made. According to a story that came to light today the conspirators have been trafficking in dead bodies, secured from Bellevue Hospital, New York, the plan being to secure life policies on persons connected with the plot and then claim the insurance planing in evidence the bodies of unfortunate persons who died in Bellevue and which answered roughly the description of the plotters insured.

Alleged Dilatory Tactics.

Paris, Jan. 10.—It is the opinion in well-informed circles that the powers have decided to refuse the latest proposals of the United States regarding the Chinese settlement. The European governments are, it is said, irritated by the alleged dilatory tactics of President McKinley in Chinese affairs. They show more disposition to align himself with the other powers the United States will be isolated in the future negotiations with the Chinese government. The United States is held to be largely accountable for the present delay in the Chinese settlement.

The Fight Declared Off.

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 10.—The fight for the championship of the world between James J. Jeffries, champion heavyweight pugilist, and Gus Ruhlin, of Akron, scheduled to take place at Saengerfest Hall, February 15, will not take place. This was settled yesterday at a conference of the Saengerfest directors. The official notice declaring the fight off will be made today or tomorrow.

Funeral of Bishop Wigger.

Newark, N. J., Jan. 10.—The funeral services of the Right Rev. Bishop W. M. Wigger were held this morning in St. Patrick's cathedral. The edifice was draped in black and purple and the body, which was clothed in full vestments of white and gold, lay in front of the altar. Prelates and priests from all the eastern States were in attendance. The pontifical high mass of requiem was held at 10:30 o'clock in the presence of priests, Christian brothers, Sisters of Charity, Mayor Seymour and the common council and members of the family of the late bishop. Most Rev. M. A. Corrigan, archbishop of New York, was the celebrant of the mass.

Defaulter Brown Located.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 10.—A special from New Orleans says Frank M. Brown, the Newport bank defaulter, is in New Orleans and has probably been in the city for two or three days, although his photograph is in the possession of every chief of police in America.

Wednesday Brown failed to put in an appearance at the race track and it is believed that he is under cover. The city police are at work and Brown's arrest is expected at any moment.

Boys Drowned.

Bridgeton, N. J., Jan. 10.—Arthur, Frederick and Edward Lloyd, aged 15, 7 and 11 years, were drowned in the pond at Cumberland Dam Park, yesterday afternoon. Neither body has been recovered. The boys were sliding on the ice yesterday afternoon and their fate was not known until last night when they failed to return home. A big hole has been found in the ice where the boys fell through. The bottom of the pond is being dragged for the bodies.

Theatre Burned.

Allentown, Pa., Jan. 10.—The Academy of Music was completely destroyed by fire last night. The audience had just left the theatre, when a blaze was discovered on the gallery stairway. All escaped with their effects. It is estimated that the loss will amount to \$25,000. It is thought the fire originated from a lighted match carelessly thrown on the gallery stairway.

More Turkish Atrocities.

Vienna, Jan. 10.—The Neues Journal today says that the Turks have massacred fifty-two Greek Christians near Salonica. The bodies of the victims were chopped into pieces and thrown into a well. The survivors were then compelled to drink water from the well at the point of the sword.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEVITIES.

First Vice President John S. Garrett, of the Lehigh Valley railroad has resigned to take up educational and philanthropic work.

Dr. Samuel J. Kennedy, once sentenced to death for the murder of Dolly Reynolds, in New York, a few years ago, will be retried February 4.

The death of Miss Mary Brad, one of the attendants, last night makes the total death list as a result of the orphan asylum fire, at Rochester, N. Y., thirty.

The deaths from the grip in New York have trebled during the past week. Nearly every city in the north is suffering severely. Reports from all over the country show that grip is prevalent to a great extent.

The street car strike reached a critical point at Reading, Pa., this morning, when a delegation of Union men called on President Riggs of the United Traction Company, and handed him a number of propositions on which they would agree to a settlement. All but one was declined. This proposes arbitration.

A dispatch from Buena Vista, Col., says that the coal train from the Colorado and Southern Railroad was stuck in a snow slide Monday night, is still stuck fast and the rescuers are some distance from it. There is no possible way of finding out how the crew and passengers are getting along and whether provisions have reached them.

S. Vante Anderson, of Jamaica Plain, near Boston, by shooting himself in the lower leg has fatally wounded his son and mother-in-law this morning. Anderson recently lost the savings of years in a business venture. Worry over this is believed to have driven him insane.

John Gee, 16 years of age, committed suicide early this morning at his home in Philadelphia by shooting himself in the lower leg. He had been reprimanded by his mother for laziness.

While not much credence is placed in the report, it is said that after the Morgan-Rockefeller-Hill railroad combinations are completed they will offer to sell the lines to the government.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont are negotiating for the lease of the home of the late Mrs. Washington McLean in Washington.

VANDERBILT A BUSY LOVER.

Alfred G. Vanderbilt and his fiancée were very much in evidence in Newport, R. I., on Tuesday, at the leading business places. They appeared to be happy as larks. The couple shopped galore, closely chaperoned by Mrs. French. Young Vanderbilt appeared on Bellevue avenue at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning in a smart buggy, alone. Later he and his fiancée drove to Newport in a pretty basket phaeton. The couple were next seen in Mr. Vanderbilt's crack automobile, and at dusk they were rattling over the ocean drive in Vanderbilt's four-in-hand. Quite early in the morning Vanderbilt took a spin on a hired bicycle. After the ride on the four-in-hand he returned to the Muechinger-King Cottage, where he has quarters, and at 7:30 Tuesday night he ordered his automobile to take him to Harbourview, where he dined en famille with his fiancée and her mother.

The big painting of Miss Elsie French by George C. Munz arrived Tuesday. This painting is a gift of her mother for the wedding, and it will be the principal decoration at the wedding breakfast. The prospective bride's dinner in honor of the bridesmaids on Saturday night will be a very elaborate affair. The groom, best man and ushers will be present. The local orchestra engaged for the occasion had a two hours' rehearsal Monday night.

Alice McKee French, the only brother of Mrs. French, who is to give her away, and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, a student at Yale College, arrived yesterday evening and took up their residence at "The Breakers." All the members of the family who are to attend the wedding will be Mrs. Vanderbilt's guests.

Art in a Calendar.

We acknowledge the receipt of the 1901 Calendar from N. W. Ayer & Son, Philadelphia. The Calendar is mounted on a striking design in clay modeling created in two delicate tones. The figures are large enough to be easily distinguished quite a distance, while the spaces are occupied by advertisements. This calendar will be mailed by Messrs. Ayer & Son for the nominal price of 25 cents.

FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS.

Washington, January 10.
SENATE.

Shortly after the Senate was called to order today Mr. Teller introduced the petition from over two thousand Filipinos in Manila and adjacent territory, mentioned yesterday, asking the United States government to bring an end to the warfare now being waged and promise the Filipinos independence. It was read by unanimous consent.

Mr. Teller asked unanimous consent to have the petition printed as a public document.

"Object," said Mr. Hawley. "It is a treasonable denunciation of our government and our soldiers in the Philippines. If after the title of Gettysburg," said he, "Jefferson Davis had introduced a similar resolution it would have been a mild crime compared with this."

The resolution to print went over until tomorrow.

The Senate then resumed consideration of the army bill.

HOUSE.

The desk in the House of Representatives Frank G. Clark, of New Hampshire, who died last night, was draped and covered with flowers this morning.

Upon request of Mr. Loud, the bill to revise and codify the postal laws was made a special order after the river and harbor bill is disposed of.

Dates were fixed for eulogies of the deceased Congressmen as follows: Saturday, Jan. 26, at 4 o'clock, Senator Gear, of Iowa; Saturday Feb. 2, Senator Davis of Minnesota; Saturday Feb. 9, Representative Richard A. Wise; Feb. 16, John F. Hoeffcker, Delaware. The river and harbor bill was immediately taken up and Mr. Shackelford took the floor.

Grosvener devoted considerable time in a general speech on the bill emphatically opposing any proposition for government irrigation of arid lands.

He was followed by Mr. Hepburn, who spoke against the bill.

CASE SETTLED.—A noted case was

settled in the Court of Appeals in Richmond yesterday in the very unusual way of a decision from the bench—that of Smith vs. Thomas, from the Circuit Court of Augusta, involving about thirty thousand acres of land in Bath county, much of it woodland and mineral lands of great value. Mr. C. C. Carlin, of this city, counsel for appellee, was making a preliminary statement of the facts to court before taking up the law bearing on the case. One of the members of the court interrupted Mr. Carlin and asked the opposing counsel if he accepted the statement as true. Upon being informed that he did, the court declined to hear further argument, the effect of which is to affirm the decision of the lower court. The case is a most interesting one and caused a big fight in the last legislature. The family of the appellee in the case has been in possession of the property involved nearly one hundred years, but were never able to produce a deed thereto, it having been destroyed by fire, along with other records. The appellants, claiming under a different title, sought to oust the appellee through legal proceedings. The action of the court finally disposes of the case and leaves the appellee with a clear title.

Mr. L. C. Barley, of this city, is considerably interested in the land in question and the decision materially benefits that gentleman.

THE GRANGE CAMP ROBBERY.—

There are no further developments with regard to the daring burglary committed at the old Grange Camp Hotel in Fairfax county, on the morning of last Saturday between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock. At about 9 a. m., Mr. August Henning, the only occupant of the premises, answered a knock at the front door, where stood a rood looking negro who stated that Mr. Taylor and Dunn Loring had been taken ill and requested Mr. H. to go there as soon as possible. On reaching the Taylor home, he found that he had been led into a trap, and, hastening back, found that his room had been entered by a second-story window and trunks broken into and rifled, the entire apartment almost gutted of everything valuable or serviceable, leaving Mr. Henning with nothing but the clothes on his back. A considerable sum of money was also carried off, leaving the victim in rather a sad plight. The officers of the law seem to be on the track of the robbers but as yet no arrests have been made.

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ers' Ink whose business it is to give disinterested advice to advertisers has this to say: "Don't sit down and wait for the coming of a baser season, but hunt around the store for good things that you can offer at bargain prices. The case is a most interesting one and caused a big fight in the last legislature. The family of the appellee in the case has been in possession of the property involved nearly one hundred years, but were never able to produce a deed thereto, it having been destroyed by fire, along with other records. The appellants, claiming under a different title, sought to oust the appellee through legal proceedings. The action of the court finally disposes of the case and leaves the appellee with a clear title."

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops